

# A nice place for a vacation... But should U.S. companies take legal refuge there?



American corporations like **Tyco, Ingersoll-Rand, McDermott, Nabors Industries** and **Cooper Industries** operate from the U.S., but have established mailing addresses in offshore havens to avoid taxes.

That's a bad move for shareholders.

### Tell expatriate American companies to Come Home to America...

#### ... TO PROTECT SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

Offshore incorporation makes it difficult to hold officers and directors accountable and to sue officers and directors for corporate waste and illegal conduct. For example, in Bermuda corporations can sell off substantial assets without shareholder approval.

## ... TO **PROTECT** SHAREHOLDERS' INVESTMENTS

Legislation is pending in Congress and several states, including California, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, to prohibit governments from contracting with expatriate American companies. It's already the law in North Carolina for businesses that relocate after 2001!

#### ... TO **PROTECT** THEIR BOTTOM LINE

The IRS says it's stepping up efforts to collect taxes from corporate expatriates. And legislation is pending in Congress to close loopholes that offshore companies now use to avoid hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes.

# Come Home to America



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